



by Kay Dee

The baby sitter has become quite a recent national institution hasn't it? And now the government has put out a booklet about it — "A Guide for Baby Sitters."

Baby sitting mightn't seem like much, but it is a job of considerable importance. A sitter should be able to offer good health and good character when she applies for the job, which seems to be somewhat belittled these days.

It's a good idea, the booklet suggests, for a baby sitter to have regular T.B. X-rays, because children are especially susceptible to tuberculosis.

The three main rules in the booklet for baby-sitters are—keep them safe; keep them healthy; keep them busy.

The booklet starts with a warning never to leave a baby alone. As for keeping children busy, even the teen-age baby sitters should know some simple games, songs and stories. That's part of her equipment for her job.

Before a young girl assumes responsibility for a child, she should have the mother show her how to pick the youngster up and hold him, how to change him, warm his bottle and give it to him, and find out what position he likes to sleep in.

Almost "perpetual motion machines" are the tots from 18 months up to four or five years of age. A sitter doesn't by any means just "sit!" It takes wit and stamina to keep those children healthy, happy, and busy.

Sitting with children of five and six years of age and even older presents more problems. They stay up later, and the sitter gets a lot less homework done! These youngsters are capable of looking after themselves in many different respects, and yet they are mischievous and thoughtless and if they are too excited may do almost anything!

You need a pretty smart young sitter, too, if she has the task of staying with a convalescent tot. Children are eager for activity after they've been in bed for a while, but they're apt to over-tire themselves if they're allowed to do just what they please. The sitter has to find out from the mother just how much the child is permitted to do.

If you have a daughter—or even a son, who often do it, too—who is making some pocket money baby-sitting, you might remind them that it isn't an unimportant job at all. This may be your teen-ager's first job and it gives them an excellent opportunity to practice many habits

which will make them desirable employees when they launch onto full-time careers.

Well, I don't know if that applies to many of you, but I thought it was pretty important as well as interesting. It was one of those articles I clip out, and keep until house-keeping time!

My scissors snipped me out another article this week which reminded me "It's getting toward last call for potting bulbs to flower in the house in the spring!"

Judging by the array of pretty flowers that I can see in windows all over town even in the middle of winter, I know there will be many interested in that, anyway!

I bet some of you won't believe this, but the article I saved said glibly, "The soil is not very important."

If you're bulbs don't do well inside the house, it's likely not the soil that's to blame.

Here's the system.

It takes from six to eight weeks for a root system to develop. Hyacinth, tulip, daffodil or narcissus bulbs are the most generally grown in the house, although you specialists will have more.

The soil should contain quite a bit of sand. Peat or leaf soil may be added—but no barnyard manure unless it's well aged.

After potting, water well and keep the bulbs in a cool dark part of the basement. During the six to eight weeks while the root system is developing, keep the soil moist but avoid dryness or saturation.

When the top growth is about an inch long, the pots should be moved to a light place in the basement and should remain there until a slight change in color from yellow to green occurs.

From then on the blooms may be forced in a room that is colder than cool, but not draughty, window in a living room—often the hall or a suitable place. The bulbs should remain there until the leaves expand and the flower buds appear. At that time they may be safely moved into a warmer temperature. The full blooms will last longer if kept out of direct sunshine.

Good luck! And how about a joke to end with this week?

A man was approached by an insurance canvasser and asked if he was insured against fire.

"Yes," said the other.

"Burglary?"

"Well, yes."

"Are you insured against floods?"

"Floods," said the other, showing interest at last. "How do you start floods?"

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Mrs. Douglas Inglis was hostess to the Blair Evening Auxiliary for their November meeting. Mrs. Robertson opened the meeting with the call to worship. After singing hymn 374, the president led in prayer. Mrs. Hambly read the secretary's report and Mrs. W. Mahon gave the financial report which included the thankoffering meeting, also a report on the bazaar. This report was very encouraging. Mrs. D. Inglis read some thank you notes.

It was requested that the holiday bags be handed in as soon as possible. The president gave a brief report of the Presbyterian meeting held in Guelph. The sales were sent to Birtle Indian school, Manitoba.

Mrs. Stewart Cramp read the scripture lesson found in Ephesians, sixth chapter, verses 10-20. Mrs. Roger Mahon, Mrs. James Wallace and Mrs. S. Cramp were appointed a nominating committee.

Mrs. Robert Elliot read an article from the Glad Tidings entitled, "Women with Vision." The editor of the Glad Tidings gave her impressions of the seventh Triennial Conference of Associated Countrywomen of the World. The theme of this conference was "How can the countrywoman, as an individual and through her society, take an active part in international work?"

Mrs. Wallace gave a short but interesting Good Thought message on Courage. Love was the word used in answering the roll call.

A few words of welcome home were given to Mrs. D. Agnew, who had been absent for a few months, visiting her parents in England; also a welcome to Mrs. Charlie Currie. The meeting was closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. Mrs. Wm. Coulter, a new bride, was presented with a very nice cup and saucer. A pleasant half hour was enjoyed over a cup of tea.

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Poet's Corner

MY GARDEN IN FALL by Mary Ellen Varley

On sweet, lost stalks of columbines The mellow sun of autumn shines, While the bees on purple flowers With sleepy humming fill the hours.

All brown and black the dry moss clings To the rocks where a cricket sings! Between two iris blades is spun A web that's caught both dew and sun.

Salvia bleeds against the wall, While through the day the last birds call From the branches of disrobing trees, While the ivy fusses in the breeze.

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Trafalgar Council Bids For Industry

In a bid for more industry, Trafalgar township council at its meeting last week, approved \$2,500 for the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce, \$500 to the Toronto Industrial Commission and named assistant clerk John White industrial administrator, with a raise of \$400 per annum.

The motion approving the \$2,500 for the Chamber stated it was a contribution toward the establishment of a joint industrial commission, in conjunction with Oakville. The \$500 payment to Toronto Industrial Commission was to extend its services to Trafalgar. Mr. White's pay boost takes effect immediately.

Council members decided to meet with the Brant councilors in the township.

Councillor Phillips suggested "we keep after the highways department" about a traffic light at the intersection of the eighth line and Queen Elizabeth Way. "If enough letters go to the department, they'll do something."

The clerk suggested taxes next year be paid in three instalments, to reduce bank borrowing.

Frank Taylor of Elton Park had

requested storm sewers two years ago, said the clerk, and now asked again. He added that township engineers had been working on a plan to service Elton Park, Cedarwood and Pinewoods with storm sewers and he would asked the engineers for another report.

Skylark Homes Ltd., in a letter, asked for water mains for 30 lots on Wilson Heights, just west of the

seventh line, to be financed as local improvements. The subdivision was approved five years ago but a request to instal septic tanks wasn't in order, clerk Featherstone said.

"If the area is to be served by sewers in a couple of years," said Deputy Reeve Robert Marshall, "I don't see why they want septic tanks."



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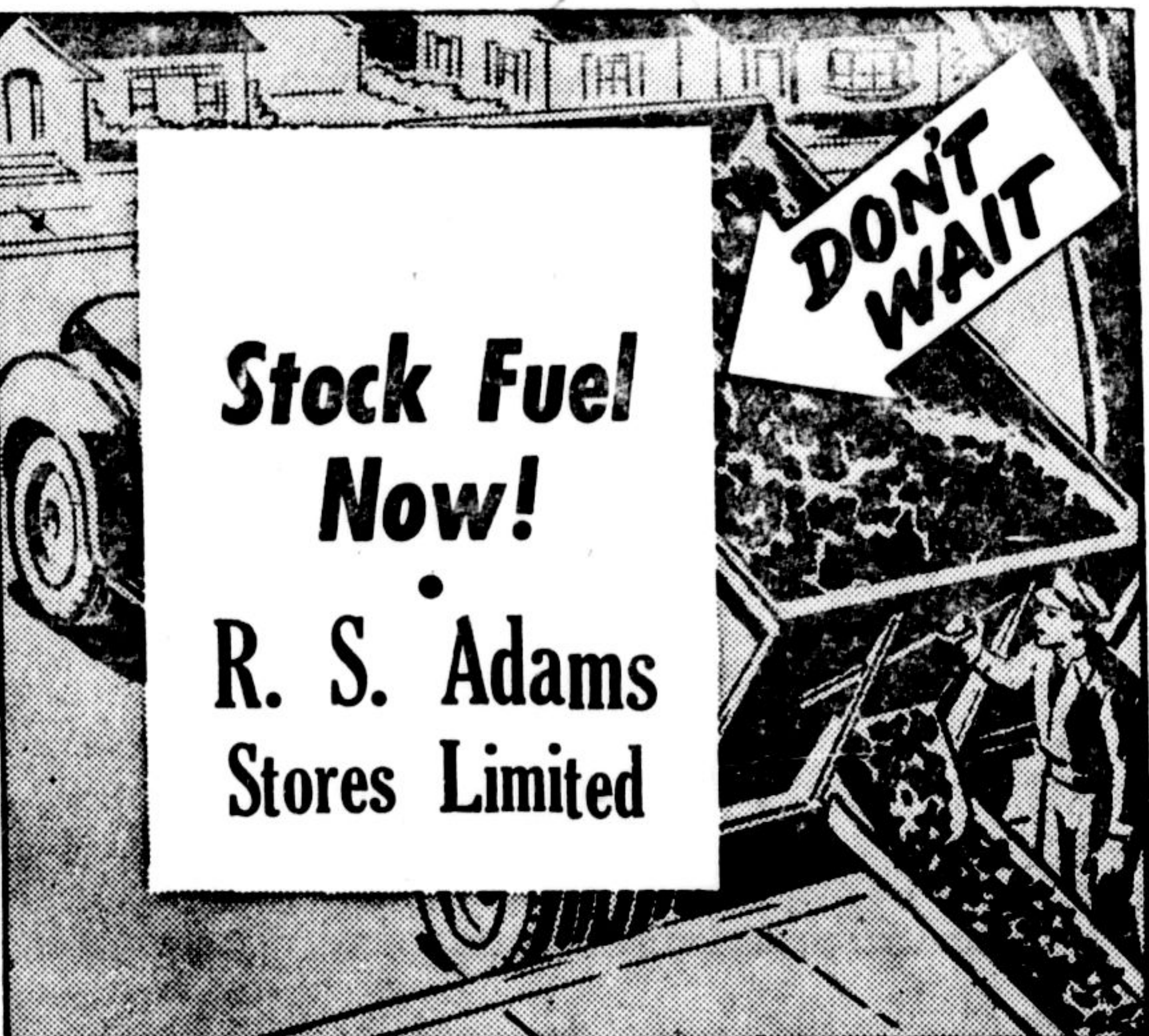


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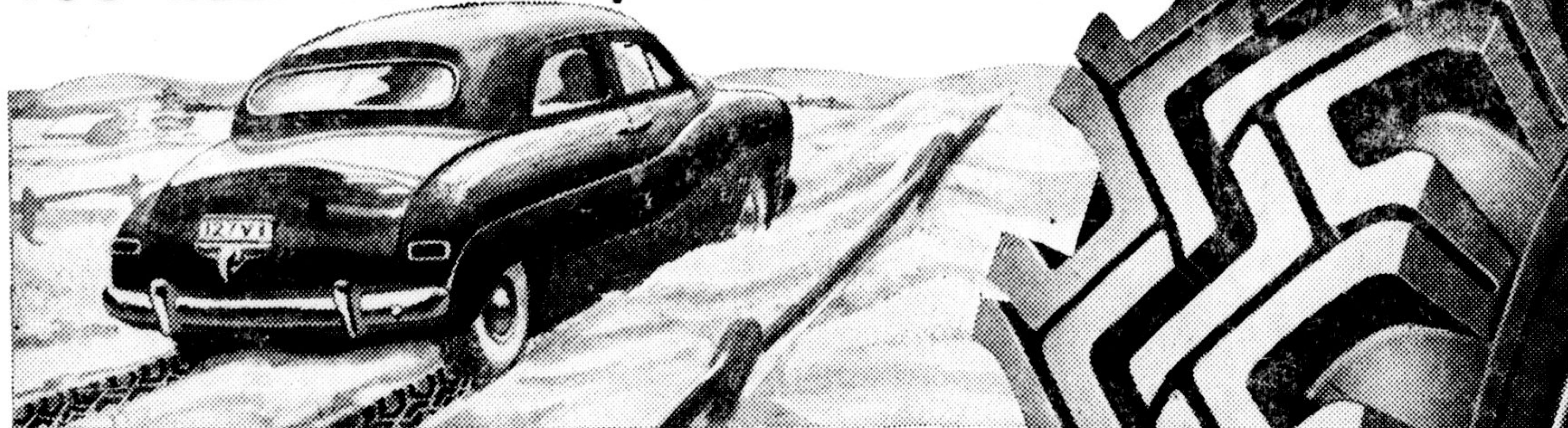
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